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SUBJECT: MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO

1. I MET WITH FTNMIN BLANCO LATE MORNING FEB. 13 TO DELIVER LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TO CONVEY TO HIM OUR OBSERVATIONS ON MFM AS CONTAINED IN BRIEFING MATERIAL GIVEN TO ME IN BUENOS AIRES. BLANCO READ SECRETARY'S LETTER CAREFULLY AND FOLLOWING THAT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THE POINTS CONTAINED IN IT WHICH HE SAID HE SHARED. HE ASKED ME TO FORWARD HIS OWN DESIRE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE SECRETARY TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

2. I THEN REVIEWED THE STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING AS WE HOPED IT WOULD EVOLVE. BLANCO INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE STRUCTURE WAS PERHAPS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING, AND SAID THAT HIS OWN VIEWS COINCIDED PRECISELY WITH OURS. HE REMAINS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT IN OPEN DISCUSSION AFTER SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON ALL THEMES, LA SPOKESMEN, IF IN FACT THESE ARE DESIGNATED, WOULD DESCEND TO SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS OR ARGUMENTATIVE THEMES IN SUCH A WAY THAT MORE PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION BLANCO WOULD LIKE WOULD BE PREJUDICED. BLANCO THUS DOES NOT WANT TO SEE CHARGES LEVIED, BUT RATHER A DIALOGUE WHICH CONCENTRATES ON PRINCIPLES IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF A COMMUNITY OF THE AMERICAS WHICH HE FEELS SHOULD AND MUST EMERGE

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FROM MEETING. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE AND OTHERS (UNSPECIF-

IED) COULD SERVE AS MODERATING FORCE IN THIS REGARD.

3. I THEN REVIEWED WITH FONMIN OUR OBSERVATIONS ON EACH OF TOPICS ON AGENDA.

A. ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFIC COMMENTS, BLANCO SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE OF SOME OTHER LA COUNTRIES AS SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE. HE EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF AND SYMPATHY WITH OUR POSITION THAT PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED AS LEGAL OBLIGATION, BUT SAID HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE CHALLENGED BY SOME, PERU IN PARTICULAR. HE SAID THAT IN GENERAL HIS VIEWS COINCIDED WITH OURS ON THIS TOPIC.

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EOUONOMIC#MEASURES. BLANCO MADE NO COMMENT ON MY REVIEW OF THIS TOPIC, BUT ASKED ME TO REPEAT OUR THOUGHTS ON AN APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY", FOLLOWING WHICH HE NODDED WHICH I TOOK AS GENERAL AGREEMENT.

C. STRUCTURE OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. BLANCO AGREED THAT THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED ALONG THE LINES OF THE WORK ALREADY DONE. HE ADDED THAT URUGUAY'S POSITIONS WERE WELL KNOWN TO US, AND DID NOT THINK THAT WE DIFFERED TO ANY GREAT DEGREE. ON IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, BLANCO SAID HE THOUGHT OUR VIEWS WERE REALISTIC, BUT STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT URUGUAY WOULD NEVER ACCEPT THE IDEA OF EXPORTATION OF IDEOLOGIES. THIS ISSUE, HE SAID, WAS NOT A ONE-WAY STREET, BUT A FLOW IN BOTH DIRECTIONS HAS TO EXIST.

D. PANAMA CANAL. THE FONMIN AGREED THAT A DETAILED DISCUSSION SHOULD NOT BE HELD. HOWEVER, HE ASSUMED THAT PANAMA NEVERTHELESS WOULD MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT AND THAT THE LAS IN GENERAL WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE.

E. STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. BLANCO MERELY INDICATED QUITE BRIEFLY HIS SATISFACTION WITH OUR POSTURE THAT LA AND CARIBBEAN SHOULD HAVE MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN HEMISPHERIC
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AND WORLD TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS.

F. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. FONMIN CONFINED HIS COMMENT TO SATISFACTION WITH OUR VIEW THAT SUBJECT COULD PROPERLY BE APPROACHED IN APPROPRIATE FORUM OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

G. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. NO COMMENT BUT APPEARED RELAXED ABOUT FACILITATING TRANSFERS THROUGH OAS MECHANISM AND OTHER

WAYS (ASSISTANCE, FOUNDATIONS, ETC.).

4. BLANCO DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF CUBA OR OTHER MATTERS, BUT DID EXPRESS SPECIAL INTEREST IN ENERGY AND SECRETARY'S REVIEW OF THIS TOPIC AT MEXICO.

5. FOLLOWING ABOVE DISCUSSION, BLANCO SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE DEPENDED UPON CREATING SENSE OF A COMMUNITY OF THE AMERICAS, OF MOVING FORWARD AND BEYOND RESTATEMENTS OF OLD PROBLEMS AND POSITIONS, AND ABOVE ALL ON STRONG STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF U.S. INTEREST IN LA, DESIRE TO COOPERATE AS PARTNERS, AND POSITIVE EXPRESSION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH UNITE HEMISPHERE AND TO WHICH ALL COULD SUBSCRIBE. BLANCO THINKS IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT APPROACH AND DIALOGUE BE BASICALLY ON PHILOSOPHICAL LEVEL AND INsofar AS CONCERNS POLITICAL MATTERS, ON HIGH GENERALIZED POLITICAL PLANE. HE SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO HELP IN THIS.

6. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT DO TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE ALL WANTED. BLANCO SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS EXPRESSED ABOVE, SECRETARY SHOULD BE OPEN, FRANK AND PRECISE, BUT MAINTAINING THE PHILOSOPHICAL LEVEL OF DIALOGUE. BLANCO SAID HE REALIZED SECRETARY COULD ONLY GO SO FAR IN SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OR COMMITMENTS, BUT THA
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